

# The Untold Legend of Sadako and the Children Peace Statue That Will Warm Your Heart

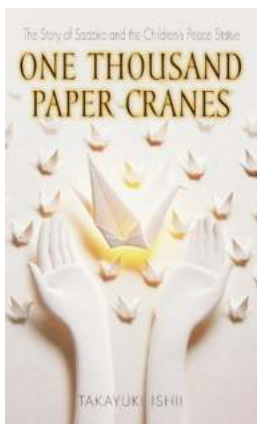


Legend has it, that hidden within the bustling city of Hiroshima, Japan, lies a heartwarming tale that has touched the lives of millions across the globe. This is

the inspiring story of Sadako and the Children Peace Statue, symbolizing unity, hope, and the undying spirit of peace.

## A Tragic Journey Born Out of the Atomic Bombing

In August 1945, Hiroshima witnessed one of the most devastating events in human history. The atomic bomb brought unimaginable destruction, taking the lives of thousands instantly, and leaving countless others affected by its long-term effects.



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Sadako Sasaki was just two years old when the bomb fell, surviving the initial blast only to face the grim reality of radiation poisoning years later. In 1955, at the tender age of twelve, she discovered that she had developed leukemia, commonly referred to as the "atom bomb disease". It was during her time in the hospital that Sadako's journey towards hope and peace truly unfolded.

## The Thousand Paper Cranes

Lying on her hospital bed, Sadako heard about an old Japanese legend that stated if one folded a thousand paper cranes, their wish would be granted. Determined to overcome her illness, Sadako set out on a mission to fold a thousand origami cranes, hoping for a miracle.

Day and night, Sadako devoted herself to meticulously folding each paper crane. Friends and family members joined her in her quest, offering support and love during her journey. Many were inspired by her bravery and determination, facilitating an outpouring of crane donations from all over Japan.

### **From Heartache To Inspiration**

Although Sadako could never complete the thousand cranes due to her worsening condition, her resilient spirit touched the hearts of many. After her passing, her classmates and friends spearheaded a fundraising campaign to erect a statue in her memory.

Funds poured in from schools, organizations, and individuals, demonstrating the impact Sadako's story had on people across the nation. The Children Peace Statue was unveiled in 1958, depicting Sadako standing atop a pointed pedestal, holding a golden crane high above her head as a symbol of peace.

### **A Beacon of Hope**

Since its unveiling, the Children Peace Statue has become a symbol of inspiration and hope for those yearning for a world free from the horrors of war. Each year, thousands of visitors flock to Hiroshima to pay their respects, lay origami cranes, and feel the warmth of Sadako's spirit.

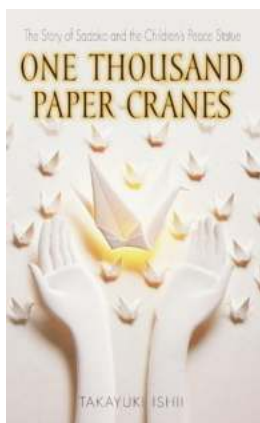
The statue has also served as a catalyst for the creation of various peace-related initiatives and organizations worldwide. It has sparked conversations, raised

awareness, and encouraged individuals to take action against violence and nuclear warfare.

## The Enduring Legacy

Sadako's story has transcended generations, reminding us all of the power of hope, love, and determination, even in the face of adversity. Her bravery and unwavering spirit have encouraged countless individuals to strive for peace, spreading her message around the globe.

The Children Peace Statue continues to inspire people of all walks of life to come together and work towards a better future, a future where unity and understanding replace hatred and conflict.



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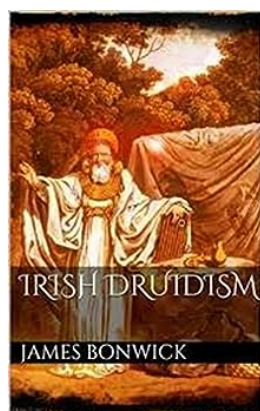
The inspirational story of the Japanese national campaign to build the Children's Peace Statue honoring Sadako and hundreds of other children who died as a result of the bombing of Hiroshima.

Ten years after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Sadako Sasaki died as a result of atomic bomb disease. Sadako's determination to fold one thousand paper cranes and her courageous struggle with her illness inspired her classmates. After her death, they started a national campaign to build the Children's Peace Statue to remember Sadako and the many other children who were victims of the Hiroshima bombing. On top of the statue is a girl holding a large crane in her outstretched arms. Today in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, this statue of Sadako is beautifully decorated with thousands of paper cranes given by people throughout the world.



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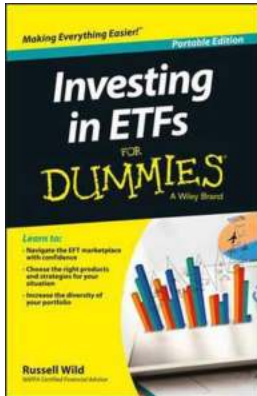
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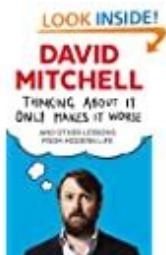
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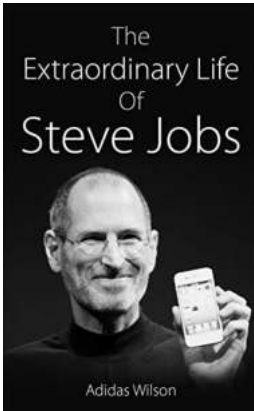
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